



Newslink

March 2012

Reminder: Daylight Saving Time Begins March 11th

On Sunday, March 11th at 2:00 AM set clocks forward one hour.

Beer, Wine & Liquor (BWL) Licensees Only: There will be a 1/2 hour of lost service. Clear tables by 2:00 AM.



Gambling



Don't fall prey to spring fever promotions...

GAMBLING (or Gaming) is illegal both in the county and state within licensed facilities if it meets the following three criteria:

- Consideration (a payment is required of a participant in order to play a game);
- A game of chance; and
- A reward or prize.

Gambling is...

If a participant pays to play in Texas Hold'em Poker Tournaments, Las Vegas and Casino Nights, Raffles, Bingo and similar activities of chance and then becomes eligible to win money or a prize (including chips for additional playtime when others have to pay- constitutes value) as a result of playing the game, this activity constitutes illegal gambling and is not permitted on any licensed facility, or anywhere in Maryland.

Gambling is not...

- If a patron pays to play one of these games, but no money or prizes of any type whatsoever are provided for the winners of the games, playing does not constitute gambling.
- A game of recognized skill, such playing as a sport, does not constitute a game of chance.
- If a patron does not pay to play one of these games, prizes are permitted, and playing does not constitute gambling. Payment includes, among other things, a cover charge, the purchase of chips or a ticket, a requirement of a donation, a requirement of a minimum purchase of food or drink, or a requirement that a patron make a payment off site prior to entering the facility as a prerequisite for playing at the facility.

Promoters...

Promoters can make or break your establishment. Before hiring a promoter consider the risks involved. Protect yourself! Hire only responsible promoters with responsible policies. Ask for references and call them. Check with the Department of Liquor Control to ask about a promoter's track record.

Charity Events...In event of a raffle or bingo tournament for a charity, special permits must be obtained by filing an application with Licensure and Regulatory Services within the Department of Health and Human Services. Visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov for more information and applications.



For more information, contact the Outreach Office at 240-777-1989, or by email at dlc@montgomerycountymd.gov

Bulletin Board



Alcohol Awareness Trainings:

All alcoholic license establishments are required by law to have a state approved alcohol awareness certified person (licensee or person employed in a supervisory capacity) on the licensed premise during all hours in which alcoholic beverages are served.

Maryland Certified Alcohol Trainers:

Alcohol Awareness Course (AP-36218)

(English/Spanish)

Contact: John S. Murray

410-553-8927, jmurrayaa@aol.com

Maryland Hospitality Education Foundation (MHEF)

BEST Training (AP-36224)

(English/Spanish)

Contact: Leslie Meyer

800-874-1313, leslie@ramef.org

GOOD Program (AP-36240)

Contact: Grace Lee

703-309-0281, primechoicellc@yahoo.com

EMI Services, Management Services (AP-45145)

(English/Spanish)

Contact: Norm Neversen

301-961-5690/202-882-7175, neversen1@juno.com

Maryland TAM, Inc., Maryland State Licensed Beverage

Association (MSLBA)- Education Resource (AP-36236)

(Spanish, Korean, Japanese, and Chinese written translations)

Contact: Jane Springer

410-876-3424/800-921-1382, mdtam@msn.com

Prevention Through Education (PTE) (AP-51244)

Contact: Howard Walsh

301-602-8721 or 240-277-6477, walshhoward@hotmail.com

TIPS (Training for Intervention Procedures)

Contact: Richard Suess (AP-51255)

443-321-4618, www.gettips.com

Contact: Susan Hayes (AP-40748)

(English/Spanish)

240-367-7482, fivetop@aol.com

Contact: Viliam Kotlarik or Jennifer Lehman (AP-57278)

202-331-5990, training@ramw.org

DLC offers a **FREE** Alcohol Law Education and Regulatory Training (ALERT) twice a month to County licensees and staff.

This class compliments the state certified classes.

For more information or to register, please call 240-777-1999 or email dlc@montgomerycountymd.gov.

UPCOMING STATE CERTIFIED CLASSES IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD

Alcohol Awareness Course John S. Murray

Monday, March 5, 2012 @ 8:30 AM

Crisfield Seafood Restaurant
8012 Georgia Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20910

\$65 per trainee
CALL: JOHN S. MURRAY
(410) 553-8927
Jmurrayaa@aol.com

Written translations in Spanish, Korean, Chinese, Vietnamese and Japanese

For a Complete Listing of all Certified Instructors, please visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dlc and click on Training under Licensure, Regulation and Education